

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS

Applicants telephonically interviewed Examiner Kugel twice to discuss this application and Applicants thank Examiner Kugel for his time. The first interview was on June 11, 2009 and the second was on June 17, 2009.

As noted in the Interview Summary mailed on June 15, 2009, the first interview discussed the submission of a 132 affidavit explaining the test results further.

The second interview discussed the ball stop time (BST) results, as described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,600,044 to Colle, et al. (Colle '044). The Examiner agreed that the BST results indicated that PAM was not an inhibitor and that no mini-loop results would be needed to show that PAM does not inhibit hydrate formation.